GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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Fighter Jets and Helicopters
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has estimated the required fighter jets and helicopters for the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to produce indigenously the required fighter jets and helicopters under 'Make in India' programme in the country;

(d) whether the Government proposes to find the precise talent of manpower from other countries in order to bring professional talent in the aerospace research and development sector for indigenously developing the modern aerospace designing and aircraft production industry in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(a) & (b): The Indian Air Force (IAF) is equipped to cater for the threat environment that exists and is ready to meet the role assigned to it. Operational preparedness of IAF is reviewed from time to time based on the threat perception. Further, augmentation of capabilities of IAF including its modernization and acquisition is a dynamic and continuous process.

(c) Government of India is inducting fighter aircraft in IAF through 'Make in India' route. Indigenously manufactured Advanced Light Helicopters have been inducted in IAF and Light Combat Aircraft are also being developed and manufactured indigenously by M/s Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.
(d) & (e): Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO, from time to time, seeks consultancy from foreign companies to gain knowledge and develop expertise in specific areas. At present M/s Airbus DS is providing consultancy towards flight testing and to improve the configuration of Light Combat Aircraft (LCA).

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